

**School District #75 (Mission)
Public Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes**

**November 17, 2020, 6:30 pm
Via Videoconference**

Members Present: Board Chair, Tracy Loffler
Vice Chair, Shelley Carter
School Trustee, Randy Cairns
Trustee, Rick McKamey
Trustee, Julia Renkema

Staff Present: Secretary-Treasurer, Corien Becker
Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson
Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alvarez
Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Crescenzo (Recorder)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the Chairperson. The Chair acknowledged that Mission Public Schools is held on Stó:lō Territory. There are four First Nation Bands within the boundaries of the Mission School District: Leq:a'mel, Sq'èwlets, Kwantlen, and Matsqui First Nations.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Move Item 6.2 – DPAC Liaison before Item 4.2 – School District Representatives to External Organizations Policy

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Board Meeting Procedures Policy

MOVED and Seconded that the Board Procedures Policy be amended to replace Clause 2.2.9 as follows:

2.2.9 If no person receives a clear majority, further ballots will be taken until a clear majority is achieved or if after at least four ballots a tie continues to occur the election will be decided as follows:

2.2.9.1 If the tie vote is due to a Trustee being temporarily absent from the meeting for a period that is three months or less, then the election will be deferred until the next meeting where all the Trustees are present:

2.2.9.1.2 The incumbent will continue in the position until the election

2.2.9.2 If there is no incumbent in the position, then the position will be filled on an interim basis as decided by a lot draw until the election is held when all Trustees are present.

2.2.9.2 If the tie vote is due to a Trustee being absent from the meeting for a period that is more than three months, or if a Trustee position is vacant, then the election will be decided by a lot draw.

CARRIED

The intent of the amendment is to establish a process for breaking a tie vote for the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

4.2 **DPAC Liaison**

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education include a Trustee Liaison Appointment for the Mission District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC).

CARRIED

The item is presented to include a Trustee Liaison Appointment for the Mission District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC). DPAC is seen as an important member of the Parent Community. All Board members shared their support of approving the recommendation.

4.3 **School District Representatives to External Organizations Policy Amendment**

MOVED and Seconded that the School District Representative to External Agencies Policy be amended by removing the University of the Fraser Valley Community Council.

AMENDMENT

Change Aboriginal Education Advisory Council to Indigenous Education Advisory Council and add the District Parent Advisory Council to the list.

AMENDED MOTION

MOVED and Seconded that the School District Representative to External Agencies Policy be amended by removing the University of the Fraser Valley Community Council; and by amending the name of the Aboriginal

Education Advisory Council to Indigenous Education Advisory Council; and to add the District Parent Advisory Council as an organization with an appointed representative.

CARRIED

At the October Board meeting, the Board approved the appointment of trustees to external organizations. The Board did not appoint a Trustee to the University of the Fraser Valley Community Council, as this Council has not been active for a few years.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting

The Superintendent reported that:

at the Closed meeting on October 20, 2020, property and personnel matters were discussed; and

at today's Closed meeting property, personnel and student matters were discussed.

5.2 Quarterly Report

The Secretary-Treasurer explained that the goal of this report is to provide a summary of the School District (SD) activities more frequently. The quarterly report provides a summary from the Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer and department Managers. The report includes highlights, challenges and how the district is aligning with the Strategic Priority for Honouring Culture & Territory. The goal is to report out on one of the strategic priorities for each report.

5.3 Assessing and Communicating Student Learning Policy

MOVED and Seconded that the Assessing and Communicating Student Learning Policy be approved in principle, circulated to partner groups for feedback, and returned to the December Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

CARRIED

The draft policy was presented to the Committee of the Whole and shared with the Joint Educational Advisory Committee (JEAC) on November 9 for review and input. JEAC agreed with the policy as written, except for one change. It was suggested #4 under 'Guidelines' be removed (Assessment and communication of student learning practices will be inclusive and

equitable) because the Guiding Principles already stated that assessment and CSL practices will be equitable and inclusive.

5.4 District Class Size Averages

The Superintendent referred to the Class Size averages for the School District based on October 1701 data for information. The data only includes information for regular brick and mortar schools.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Clarke Theatre Agreement with the District of Mission

At today's Closed meeting the Board approved the agreement with the District of Mission to take on the community programming for the Clarke Theatre beginning 2021. Under the new agreement, the School District will continue to use the Theatre for school activities and programs and the District will assume responsibility for community-based activities and programs.

Trustee Cairns shared that he registered a negative vote against the agreement solely because it includes the cafeteria as a shared space, and in his opinion the cafeteria is a school space and should be referenced separately from the agreement.

7. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

7.1 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, October 20, 2020

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated October 20, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

10. **COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS**

Trustees reported on:

- Trades Training Advisory Committee meeting on October 29th
- Cedar Log blessing ceremony at Stave Falls Elementary with the Chief and Elders of the Kwantlen First Nation
- Anti-Racism Series with District Principal of Indigenous Education
- BCSTA Provincial Council (virtual meeting)
- Fraser Valley Branch meeting
- Special Committee of the Whole meetings
- Mission Community Foundation Board meeting

- Board Chairs Meeting

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked about the figures listed under Staffing for the Federal Safe Return to Class Grant. Most of the staffing is related to Distant Learning at Summit. Additionally, staffing is being considered for EAs, Outreach, and LSTs for the entire SD.

A question was asked about the Federal Safe Return to Class Grant. We are expecting to spend the grant, however, anything that is unspent is expected to be returned to the Ministry.

A question was about the Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the SD. The SOFI reports will be ready for the Public meeting in December.

A question was asked about the Clarke Theatre agreement. There is no impact on CUPE work. The District will take over all the programming and the SD will remain responsible for cleaning and maintenance services.

A question was asked about Trustee Cairns opposing the Clarke Theatre agreement. Trustee Cairns expressed that in his opinion, the Cafetorium should not be part of the agreement. He indicated that he has no issue with having a booking process or booking the cafetorium, but that he believes that as the Cafetorium is a school space it should be under the jurisdiction of the SD only.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Original signed by T. Loffler

Chair, Board of Education

Original signed by C. Becker

Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on
December 15, 2020 at the Public
Board meeting.